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SUBJ: DEATH OF ELIZABETH MITCHELL MCELDUFF

FOR: CAPT. HOWARD BUCKNELL
425 HILL STREET
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TEL. 404-549-8259

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF
THE DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH MITCHELL MCELDUFF.
COLONEL JAMES JEFFRIES INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT LISBON,
PORTUGAL OF HER DEATH OF CAUSES DUE TO OLD AGE ON JUNE 14,
1977 AT THE HOTEL CIBRA, ESTORIL, PORTUGAL.

2. MRS. MCELDUFF HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MRS. JEFFRIES AND
THE CIBRA HOTEL PERSONNEL.

3. A SEARCH IS NOW BEING MADE FOR A WILL. IF NONE IS FOUND
THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HER PERSONAL EFFECTS AND
WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO
MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. MRS. MCELDUFF LEFT WRITTEN
INSTRUCTIONS WITH THE U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE, LISBON,
REQUESTING THAT IF POSSIBLE SHE BE BURIED WITH HER
HUSBAND, DAVID A. MCELDUFF, WHO IS INTERRED IN THE U.S. NAVAL
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ACADEMY CEMETERY, ANNAPOLIS, MD.
THE NAVAL ATTACHE HAS CABLED THE NAVAL ACADEMY TO DETERMINE
IF THIS IS POSSIBLE, AND AN ANSWER IS EXPECTED WITHIN
TWO DAYS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT
ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER
DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER
OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE MRS. MCELDUFF'S REMAINS RETURNED

TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST \$2,500.00. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$1,000.00. CREMATION NOT AVAILABLE. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. SINCE EMBALMING AS KNOWN IN THE U.S. IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE, VIEWING IS NOT ADVISABLE.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LISBON, PORTUGAL AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE.

(B) PLEASE TELEGRAPH FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. INCLUDE IN MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN U.S., IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY TELEPHONING 57 01 02 IN LISBON, PORTUGAL. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. AMEMBASSY, LISBON, PORTUGAL. CARLUCCI

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